

Minimum Standards for License Holders

Section 1302, Public Act 51 of 2001

The minimum standards, as dictated by law, for private security guard, private detective, burglar alarm contractors and railroad police are detailed below.

Private Detective Requirements

- 1) Is a citizen of the United States
- 2) Is not less than 25 years of age
- 3) Is of good moral character
- 4) Has a high school education or its equivalent
- 5) Is a resident of this state
- 6) Has not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud, unauthorized divulging or selling of information or evidence, impersonation of a law enforcement officer or employee of the United States or a state, or a political subdivision of either, or of illegally using, carrying, or possessing a dangerous weapon.
- 7) Has not been dishonorably discharged from a branch of the United States military service.
- 8) For a period of not less than 3 years has been or is any of the following:
 - a) Lawfully engaged in the private detective business on his or her own account in another state.
 - b) Lawfully engaged in the private detective business as an investigative employee of the holder of a certificate of authority to conduct a detective agency.
 - c) An investigator, detective, special agent, or police officer of a city, county, or state government or of the United States government.
 - d) Is a graduate with a 4-year degree in the field of police administration or criminal justice from an accredited university or college.
- 9) Has posted with the Department of State Police a surety bond in the amount of \$10,000.

MSP recommends the following change to #3 above:

Specific criminal offenses should be listed as disqualifiers instead of "good moral character". The misdemeanor disqualifiers should be the same language as exists in PA 330 of 1968 as amended by PA 411 of 2001. Refer to Section 3, a-g of the Private Security and Security Alarm Requirements listed below.

Private Security and Security Alarm Requirements

- 1) Is not less than 25 years of age
- 2) Has a high school education or G.E.D. equivalent

- 3) In the case of a person licensed after March 28, 2001, has not been under any sentence, including parole, probation, or actual incarceration, for the commission of a felony, or a misdemeanor involving any of the following:
 - a) Dishonesty or fraud
 - b) Unauthorized divulging or selling of information or evidence
 - c) Impersonation of a law enforcement officer or employee of the United States, this state, or a political subdivision of this state
 - d) Illegally using, carrying, or possessing a dangerous weapon
 - e) Two or more alcohol related offenses
 - f) Controlled substances violation under Public Health Code 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211
 - g) Any assault
- 4) In the case of a person licensed before March 28, 2001, has not been under any sentence, including parole, probation, or actual incarceration, for the commission of a felony within 5 years before the date of application. Has not been convicted of a misdemeanor involving any of the following within 5 years before the date of application.
 - a) Dishonesty or fraud
 - b) Unauthorized divulging or selling of information or evidence
 - c) Impersonation of a law enforcement officer or employee of the United States, this state, or a political subdivision of this state
 - d) Illegally using, carrying, or possessing a dangerous weapon
 - e) Two or more alcohol related offenses
 - f) Controlled substances violation under the Public Health Code 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211
 - g) Any assault
- 5) Has not been dishonorably discharged from a branch of the United States military service
- 6) In the case of an applicant for a private security guard or agency license, has been lawfully engaged in 1 or more of the following:
 - a) In the private security guard or agency business on his or her own account for a period of not less than 3 years.
 - b) In the private security guard or agency business for a period of not less than 4 years as an employee of the holder of a certificate of authority to conduct a private security guard or agency business and has had experience reasonably equivalent to not less than 4 years of full-time guard work in a supervisory capacity with rank above that of patrolman.
 - c) In law enforcement employment on a full-time basis for not less than 4 years for a city, county, or state government, or for the United States government.
 - d) In the private security guard or agency business as an employee or on his or her own account or as a security administrator in private business for not less than 2 years on a full-time basis, and is a graduate with a 4- year degree in the field of police administration or industrial security from an accredited college or university.

- 7) In the case of an applicant for a security alarm system contractor license, has been lawfully engaged in either or both of the following:
 - a) The security alarm system contractor business on his or her own account for a period of not less than 3 years.
 - b) The security alarm system contractor business for a period of not less than 4 years as an employee of the holder of a certificate of authority to conduct a security alarm system contractor business, and has had experience reasonably equivalent to at least 4 years of full-time work in a supervisory capacity or passes a written exam administered by the department designed to measure his or her knowledge and training in security alarm systems.
- 8) Has posted with the department a bond in the amount of \$25,000, or in lieu of bond, applicant may furnish a policy of insurance issued by an insurer authorized to do business in this state naming the licensee & Department of State Police as co-insureds in the amount of \$25,000 for property damages.
- 9) Has not been adjudged insane unless restored to sanity by court order.
- 10) Does not have any outstanding warrants for his or her arrest.

Railroad Police Officer

- 1) Submit an application in writing accompanied by the statements of 3 reputable United States citizens testifying to the moral character of the person mentioned in the application. The director of the Department of State Police may appoint and commission the person to act as a police officer for the company.
- 2) A person is not be eligible to receive an appointment unless the person is 18 years of age or older and has completed a minimum of 440 hours of training, certified by MCOLES.
- 3) A railroad police officer employed on or before November 18, 1975, may continue that employment.
- 4) A railroad police officer is required to obtain a \$1,000 surety bond for submission with his railroad commission application.